1	2	3	4
12	Punjab	29.386	0.051
13	Rajasthan	364.028	216.258
14	Tamil Nadu	28.197	3.232
15	Uttar Pradesh	155.736	2.066
16	Andman & Nicobar Islands	0.28	..
17	Chandigarh	0.08	..
18	Delhi	0.36	..
19	Pondicherry	0.594	0.004
	TOTAL :	1217.845	399.425

NOTE: Includes assistance sanctioned for Special Schemes *viz.*, Fodder & Vegetable Production, assistance for Handicraft/Handloom Sector, completion of identified irrigation projects.

Decline in foodgrains production

388. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the News item which appeared in the "Times of India" of the 25th June, 1988 wherein it has been stated that there is a decline of 4.2 per cent in the Foodgrains output during the last financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the foodgrains production and meet the situation arising out of the shortage of foodgrains production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Production of foodgrains during the crop year 1987-88 is tentatively estimated at 137 million tonnes, showing a decline of about 4.9 per cent as compared to a production level of 144.1 million tonnes in 1986-87.

(c) In order to increase the production of foodgrains, various Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented. Also, efforts are being made for maximising productivity in assured areas such as rainfed areas with high rainfall, timely, easy and adequate supply of agricultural inputs, adoption of integrated plant protection measures, increasing the intensity of cropping through double/multiple and inter-cropping, assuring remunerative prices for various crops to the farmers and oganisational support for sale of commodities at these prices. Special Foodgrains Production Programme has been launched during the current year in 14 selected States to accelerate the growth of foodgrains production in the remaining two years of Seventh Plan. In addition, the Government have ensured larger releases of foodgrains from muffer stock through public distribution system to meet the demand.